

## ישוע הוא יבוא

### *Yeshua is Coming!*

After Yeshua arose from the dead, He remained in Jerusalem and with His talmidim for forty days (Acts 1:3), during the time of counting the omer, and Shavuot was approaching. About a week before the festival was to arrive, He and His talmidim went to the Mt. of Olives, just a sabbath day's distance outside of Jerusalem (Acts 1:12). He told them that they should wait there in Jerusalem because soon the Spirit of God would empower them to begin and accomplish the mission to which He had sent them, that is, to go to all the nations and proclaim the Gospel to people everywhere.

Then, while the talmidim watch, Yeshua was lifted up into the sky before their very eyes! It must have been an amazing sight for the disciples—they could hardly believe what they were seeing! Their Master went up into the clouds just as Elijah of old (2Ki 2:11). While they were peering into the clouds, two men in white clothes

suddenly were standing beside them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Yeshua, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven” (Acts 1:11). Suddenly the words of their Master, which He had taught them, made sense. During the Pesach seder just weeks earlier, Yeshua had said, “In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also” (Jn 14:2–3). So the talmidim left the Mt. of Olives and returned to the city of Jerusalem. They went to the upper room where they were staying, and began to talk about everything that had happened. Their Master had ascended to the very presence of God, and was preparing everything necessary to establish His kingdom upon the earth. Now it was time for them to begin the mission to which He had sent them. Now was the time to spread the Goodnews to people everywhere.

All of this occurred nearly 2000 years ago! Who could have imagined that it would take so long for Yeshua to return? Yet His word is true, and His promise is sure. Did He not tell the talmidim that He would be taken and put to death? And did He not tell them that He would rise from the dead three days later? These things happened just as He had said they would. So we can rest assured that His promise to return will also happen. Yeshua is coming again! He will descend in the clouds just the same way that He was taken up into the clouds on that day before Shavuot.

But sometimes it is difficult to keep believing that Yeshua actually will return, isn't it? Even some of the believers in Yeshua who lived in Paul's day were wondering if Yeshua would actually return. In his letter to the Thessalonians Paul wrote: “For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Messiah will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words” (1Thess 4:16–18). Yeshua is coming again! We will see Him with our own eyes! Are you looking forward to Yeshua's coming?

John, one of the talmidim, and one of Yeshua's closest friends, wrote: “Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure” (1Jn 3:2–3).

